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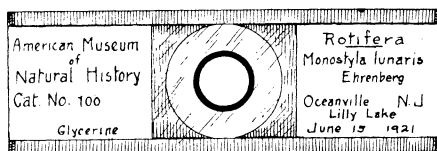
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### A NEW MICRO-SLIP

It is hardly necessary to add anything to the illustration of this convenient, strong and economical micro-slip, as it almost explains itself.

The body of the slip is made of sheet tin cut into parallelograms three inches long by one and one-quarter inches wide. A circle about thirteen-sixteenths in diameter is then punched out of the exact center and one-eighth inch on each long side is bent over forming two flanges into which the three finished units are slipped.

Object is mounted on a 25 mm square cover-glass of medium thickness in the regular manner. As the 25 mm squares are not very strong when handled by themselves, it is better to fasten them to a square piece of clear glass, before mounting, by squeezing down while wet, and then drying the upper side. This will give the necessary strength and support and they will be held firmly by capillary attraction.



When the mounting is completed, the 25 mm square is slipped into place at center of tin holder and a square piece of bristol board or card board slid into each end. The corners of the flanges are then squeezed tight with pincers and slide labeled.

A drop of transparent cement drawn under the flanges by capillary attraction, after the mount is completed, holds everything firmly in position and prevents any slight future movement of the units.

These slips can be easily made by any tin-smith.

The finished product is much stronger than the ordinary glass slip and the mount will seldom break on falling to the floor.

A ventral view of the mounted object can be had, just as easily as the dorsal view, by simply reversing the slide.

I am indebted to my friend Mr. H. K. Harring of Washington, D. C. for this slip originally, and have been using them for some years with every success.

The collection of Rotifera, about 500 species, in the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, are mostly mounted on these slips and have proven successful in all particulars.

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Since the above was written I learn the slip described is the invention of Dr. N. A. Cobb, Washington, D. C. It may be purchased from the Spencer Lens Co., Buffalo, N. Y.